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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, 17, 19-22, 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,182,072 to Leak et al. (hereinafter "the Leak reference"). The Action also rejected claims 2, 3, 10, 16, 18, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentably obvious in view of the Leak reference.

In response to the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the above-referenced pending claims is patentable over the Leak reference and that such reference fails to disclose and/or suggest every feature recited in the claims. For example, with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 reads on a method for updating web page access in which a hit list having a number of hypertext links is generated in response to a user search request, a user is allowed to access a website connected to a hypertext link, the hypertext link for the user-accessed website is identified, and the hit list is updated with the identified hypertext link removed therefrom. Whereas, the Leak reference, in contrast, reads on a method for generating a tour of websites in which a continuous tour of web pages can be generated with new URIs being continuously added to the list as web pages are displayed and their corresponding URIs deleted from the list. (col. 8, lines 50-54).

Applicant respectfully submits that adding URIs to a list as other URIs are deleted therefrom so as to facilitate a continuous tour of web pages is not the same as allowing a user to access a website via at least one of a generated list of hypertext links, identifying the user accessed hypertext links, and updating the hit list by removing the identified hypertext links therefrom. It is therefore respectfully

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submitted that the "automatically displayed" (col. 2, line 12) web pages, as taught by the Leaks reference, does not teach, disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, identifying user accessed hypertext links and updating a generated hit list by removing the identified hypertext links therefrom. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claim 1.

With respect to claims 2-9, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that such claims are patentable over the Leaks reference at least for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-9.

With respect to claim 10, Applicant respectfully submits such claim is directed to a method for updating web page access including a step generating a hit list with a plurality of hypertext links, a step of monitoring at least one of a list of hypertext links that a user visits during a search mode, a step of removing the at least one monitored hypertext link that has been visited by the user, and reproducing a new list based on the outcome of removing the at least one monitored, user-visited hypertext link. Applicant respectfully submits, as noted with respect to claim 1, that the Leaks reference distinctly reads on a method for generating a tour of websites in which a continuous tour of web pages can be generated with new URIs can be continuously added to the list as web pages are displayed and their corresponding URIs deleted from the list. (col. 8, lines 50-54). Thus, as adding URIs to a list as other URIs are deleted from the list to facilitate a continuous tour of web pages is not the same as monitoring at least one user-visited hypertext link of a hit list and reproducing a new hit list with the at least one monitored user-visited hypertext link removed therefrom, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claim 10.

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With respect to claims 11-16, which each depend either directly or indirectly from claim 10, Applicant respectfully submits that such claims are patentable over the Leaks reference at least for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 10. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-16.

With respect to claim 17, Applicant respectfully submits that such claim is directed to a system for updating web page access including means for identifying at least one of a plurality of hypertext links of a generated hit list that has been accessed by a user and means for updating the hit list by removing the previously identified user-accessed hypertext links therefrom. Accordingly, as adding URIs to a list as other URIs are deleted from the list to facilitate a continuous tour of web pages is not the same as identifying at least one user-accessed hypertext link of a hit list and updating the hit list with the at least one identified user-accessed hypertext link removed therefrom, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claim 17.

With respect to claims 18-23, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 17, Applicant respectfully submits that such claims are patentable over the Leaks reference at least for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 17. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18-23.

Regarding claim 24, Applicant respectfully submits that such claim is directed to a system for updating web page access including a processor configured to, among other things, monitor at least one of a plurality of hypertext links in a hit list visited by a user during a search mode and updating the hit list by removing the user-visited monitored link therefrom. Accordingly, as adding URIs to a list as other URIs are deleted from the list to facilitate a continuous tour of web pages is not the same as monitoring at least one user-visited hypertext link of a hit list and updating the hit list with

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the at least one monitored user-visited hypertext link removed therefrom, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claim 24.

With respect to claims 25-29, which each depend either directly or indirectly from claim 24, Applicant respectfully submits that such claims are patentable over the Leaks reference at least for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 24. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25-29.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the all of the present claims are patentable over the Leaks reference made of record in the present application and that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections, and all objections of the claims, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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